

# KRISTY IRONSIDE

Curriculum vitae

Department of History and Classical Studies  
McGill University  
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## EMPLOYMENT

- 2017— Assistant Professor of Russian History, Department of History and Classical Studies, McGill University
- 2015-2017 Lecturer (equivalent to tenure-track) in Russian, East European, and Eurasian History, Department of History, University of Manchester
- 2014-2015 Postdoctoral Research Fellow, International Center for the History and Sociology of World War II and its Consequences, Higher School of Economics

## EDUCATION

- 2014 PhD, University of Chicago, History
- Dissertation: *The Value of a Ruble: A Social History of Money in Postwar Soviet Russia, 1945-1964*
- Committee: Sheila Fitzpatrick (chair), Tara Zahra, Leora Auslander
- Comprehensive examination fields: Modern Russia, Modern Central and Eastern Europe, Contemporary Western Europe
- 2007 MA, Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, University of Toronto
- 2005 BA hon., University College, University of Toronto, History

## PUBLICATIONS

### Monographs

*A Full-Value Ruble: The Promise of Prosperity in the Postwar Soviet Union* (forthcoming)

## **Refereed Journal Articles**

“‘I Beg You Not to Reject my Plea’: The Late Stalinist Welfare State and the Politics of One-Time Monetary Aid, 1946-1953,” *Journal of Social History*, Vol. 51, No. 4 (2018): 1045–1068

“Between Fiscal, Ideological, and Social Dilemmas: The Soviet ‘Bachelor Tax’ and Post-war Tax Reform, 1941-1962,” *Europe-Asia Studies*, Vol. 69, No. 6 (2017): 855-877

“Stalin’s Doctrine of Price Reductions during the Second World War and Postwar Reconstruction,” *Slavic Review*, Vol. 75, No. 3 (2016): 655-677

“Khrushchev’s Cash-and-Goods Lotteries and the Turn to Positive Incentives,” *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, Vol. 41, No. 3 (2014): 296-323

“Rubles for Victory: The Social Dynamics of State Fundraising on the Soviet Home Front,” *Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History*, Vol. 15, No. 4 (2014): 799-828

Reprinted in an abridged format in Russian translation as “Den’gi dlia pobedy: sotsial’naia dinamika privlecheniia sredstv naseleniia v sovetskom tylu,” in *Sovetskii tyl’ 1941-1945 gg.: povsednevnaia zhizn’ v gody voiny*, eds. Beate Fieseler and Roger Markwick (Moscow: ROSSPEN, 2019)

## **Book Chapters in Edited Collections**

“‘A Writer Deserves to be Paid for His Work’: Progressive American Writers, Foreign Royalties, and the Limits of Soviet Internationalism in the Mid-to-Late 1950s,” *Europe’s Internationalists: Rethinking the Short Twentieth Century*, eds. Jessica Reinisch and David Brydan (forthcoming with Bloomsbury in 2020)

Co-authored with Étienne Forrestier-Peyrat, “A Communist World of Public Debt? The Failure of a Counter-model” in *World of Debts: The Global Politics of Public Debts from the Late 18<sup>th</sup> Century*, eds. Nicolas Barreyre and Nicolas Delalande (forthcoming with Palgrave in 2020)

## **Book Reviews**

Rósa Magnúsdóttir, *Enemy Number One: The United States of America in Soviet Ideology and Propaganda, 1945-1959* (forthcoming in *Passport: The Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations Review*)

Artemy Kalinovsky, *Laboratory of Socialist Development: Cold War Politics and Decolonization in Soviet Tajikistan* (July 22, 2019), H-diplo. Online: <https://issforum.org/roundtables/PDF/Roundtable-XX-46.pdf>

James Heinzen, *The Art of the Bribe: Corruption under Stalin, 1943-1953* (pre-published in 2018 in *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*)

*The Consumer on the Home Front: Second World War Civilian Consumption in Comparative Perspective*, eds. Harmut Berghoff, Jan Logemann, and Felix Römer, in *Journal of Contemporary History*, Vol. 53, No. 4 (2018): 898-901.

Chris Miller, *The Struggle to Save the Soviet Economy: Mikhail Gorbachev and the Collapse of the USSR* (April 9, 2018). H-Diplo. Online: <https://networks.h-net.org/system/files/contributed-files/roundtable-xix-29.pdf>

### **Op-Eds**

07/26/2019 “The crisis that could take down Putin’s presidency,” *The Washington Post*. Online: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/news/made-by-history/wp/2018/07/26/the-crisis-that-could-take-down-putins-presidency/>

### **Interviews**

11/17/2019 SRB Podcast, “The Collective Farm.” Online: <https://srbpodcast.org/2019/11/17/the-collective-farm/>

11/03/2019 Australian Broadcasting Corporation, “Why the Cold War Still Matters, Episode 3: The Fall of an Empire.” Online: <https://www.abc.net.au/radionational/programs/why-the-cold-war-still-matters/the-fall-of-an-empire/11599880>

### **Other Works**

08/01/2018 “A Postwar Quicksand Society?” *Peripheral Histories Blog*. Online: <https://peripheralhistories.wixsite.com/mysiteok/blog/a-post-war-quicksand-society>

### **Works in Progress**

“McDonalds on Pushkin Square: From Joint Venture to Foreign Subsidiary and From Communism to Capitalism” (article)

“Cold War Copyright Relations, Moral Rights, and ‘Anti-Soviet’ Agendas: The Kuznetsov v. Chaleil Case, 1957-1969” (article)

“Paul Chaleil: Missionary, Gulag Prisoner, and Anti-Communist” (article for a special collection entitled ‘Transnational Cold War Lives’)

*International Copyright in the Political Economy of Russia and the Soviet Union* (second book project)

## **AWARDS AND FELLOWSHIPS**

- 2019 Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council – Insight Development Grant  
Project: “International Copyright in the Political Economy of Russia and the Soviet Union” (award value \$54,315)
- 2019 Fonds de recherche du Québec – Société et culture, Soutien à la recherche pour la relève professorale  
Project: “Droit d’auteur international dans l’économie politique de la Russie et de l’Union soviétique” (award value \$42,483)
- 2013 American Council of Learned Societies, Dissertation Completion Fellowship
- 2011 Social Science Research Council, International Dissertation Research Fellowship
- 2006 Ontario Graduate Scholarship
- 2005 Social Science and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Master’s Scholarship

## **PRESENTATIONS**

### **Invited Talks**

- 12/06/2019 “State Lotteries and the Promise of Prosperity in the Soviet Union, 1917-1991,” Clarkson University
- 11/08/2018 “Socialist (In)security: Pensions and the Postwar Soviet Economy,” Centre for European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy, University of Toronto
- 03/07/2017 “Khrushchev’s Big Freeze: the 1957 Abolition of ‘Mass Subscription Bonds’ and the Politics of Public Debt in the USSR,” NYU-Abu Dhabi
- 10/19/2015 “Socialism’s Low-Price Guarantee: Late Stalinism and the Retail Economy, 1945-1954” University College London, School of Slavonic, East European and Eurasian Studies
- 03/06/2015 “Between Postwar Fiscal and Social Dilemmas: The Tax on Bachelors, Single Persons and Small Families of the USSR,” Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia, New York University
- 02/20/2015 “‘In the Interests of the Government and the People’: Soviet Mass Subscription Bonds, 1927-1957,” Centre d’histoire de Sciences Po

02/19/2015 “What Money Was (and What It Was Not Always) in Postwar Soviet Society,” Séminaire “L’Univers des choses Soviétiques,” École des hautes études en sciences sociales

### **Invited Conference/Symposia Presentations**

- 01/24/2019 “The 1956 Pension Law and the Late Soviet Social Contract,” Remaking the Social Contract? Pension Reform and Protest in Russia, Harriman Institute, Columbia University
- 12/15/2018 “Real Returns: State Bonds, Lottery Tickets, and Savings Accounts in the Postwar USSR,” Economic History: The Case of Russia and the Soviet Union; Sources, Methods, Perspectives, NYU-Paris
- 02/16/2018 “Ideas in ‘Bondage’: International Copyright Law and its Critics in the Soviet Union, 1917-1962,” Russia’s Global Legal Trajectories: An International Workshop, University College London, School of Slavonic, East European and Eurasian Studies
- 12/01/2017 “Real Returns: State Bonds, Lottery Tickets, and Savings Accounts in the Postwar USSR,” University of Pennsylvania (joint Russian-Economic history workshop)
- 10/19/2017 “1917 and the Fate of the Abolition of Money,” The October Revolution: Past and Present, Jean Monnet Centre, McGill University
- 02/03/2017 “Trade and Exchange Within and Beyond the Socialist World” (roundtable participant), Socialist Internationalism Conference, Birkbeck College, University of London
- 02/05/2016 “Was there a Welfare State in the East as well as the West?” (roundtable participant), Debating the Cold War, Birkbeck College, University of London
- 06/11/2015 “‘Compulsory-Voluntary’: Soviet State Bonds and the Boundary Between Taxes and Investments,” The Global Politics of Public Debts from the Late 18<sup>th</sup> Century, Cambridge University

### **Thematic Conferences and Workshops**

- 12/02/2016 “Workers’ ‘Long-Held Dream’: The Soviet Attempt to Abolish Income Taxes, 1960-1962,” Global Histories of Taxation and State Finances Symposium, Basel University
- 05/30/2015 “Requests for Material Assistance at the Reception of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet, 1945-1953,” Suppliques – approches comparatives, Centre d’études franco-russe de Moscou

10/31/2014 “The Soviet ‘Free Market’ at War,” Occupations and Liberations in World War II: New Research on the Soviet Experience, Georgetown University

03/08/2013 “‘I beg you not to reject my plea’: Asking the Soviet State for Money, 1945-1953,” Cultures of Grievance in Eastern Europe & Eurasia, Princeton University

### **Annual Conventions**

11/24/2019 “Paul Chaleil: Missionary, Gulag Prisoner, and Anti-Communist,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, San Francisco

12/07/2018 “The ‘Struggle Against Vulgar Egalitarianism’ and the Politics of Productivity in the Khrushchev Era,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston

07/31/2018 “Real Returns: State Bonds, Lottery Tickets, and Savings Accounts in the Postwar USSR,” World Economic History Conference, Boston

11/09/2017 “International Copyright Law, Cultural Exchange, and the Cold War,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Chicago

11/02/2017 “Grigorii Mar’iakhin, the NIFI, and the Perils of Postwar Tax Reform,” Social Science History Association Annual Convention, Montréal

10/27/2017 “International Copyright Law in the Khrushchev-Era Soviet Union,” American Society for Legal History Annual Meeting, Las Vegas

11/20/2016 “Measuring the People’s Material Welfare: Constructing the Average Family Budget after Stalin,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington D.C.

11/20/2015 “New Approaches to Studying the Soviet Economy” (roundtable organizer and participant), Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia

11/21/2014 “The Delicate Balance Between Spending and Saving in 1950s Soviet Russia,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, San Antonio, TX, USA

11/23/2013 “‘We Want Meat, Milk and a Wage Increase!’: The Public Response to Higher Retail Prices in 1962,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston

- 11/15/2012 “Enlisting the Means of the Masses: Soviet War Bond Campaigns,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, New Orleans
- 11/18/2011 “Winners and Losers: Cash-and-Goods Lotteries, 1958-1964,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington D. C.

### **As Discussant**

- 11/25/2019 “Terms of Transformation: Approaches to the Soviet Economy after Stalin,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, San Francisco
- 12/08/2019 “Crime in Imperial and Soviet Russia: Moral Economies and Legal Cultures,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston
- 02/17/2018 “Surveying the 20<sup>th</sup> Century from the 21<sup>st</sup>,” Russia’s Global Legal Trajectories: An International Workshop, University College London, School of Slavonic, East European and Eurasian Studies, London
- 04/08/2017 “Reimagining Soviet Culture: Cultural Autonomy, Housing and Photography,” Midwestern Slavic Conference, The Ohio State University, Columbus
- 11/19/2016 “Reform and Coercion from Stagnation to Perestroika,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Washington D.C.
- 11/19/2015 “The Political Economy of the Late Soviet Period: Socialist in Form, International in Content?” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Philadelphia
- 11/21/2013 “From ‘Peace, Land, Bread’ to the ‘Dry Law’: Food, Drink, and Revolution in the USSR,” Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies Annual Convention, Boston

### **TEACHING**

#### **At McGill University**

HIST216: Introduction to Russian History (lecture course)

HIST326: History of the Soviet Union, 1917-1991 (lecture course)

HIST316: History of the Russian Empire, 1613-1917 (lecture course)

HIST316: Russia's Revolutions: 1905 & 1917 (lecture course, content now merged into History of the Russian Empire)

HIST406: The 'Wild' Years: Russia in the 1990s (seminar)

HIST576 (topics in Russian history): Mad, Marxist, or Modern? Stalin and Stalinism (grad/undergrad honours seminar)

### **At the University of Manchester**

History in Practice (seminar)

State, Nation, and Nationalism in Europe, 1750-1920 (lecture course, co-taught)

Crisis and Prosperity in Twentieth Century Europe (lecture course, co-taught)

Socialist Security: The Soviet Welfare State, 1917-1991 (lecture course)

Capitalism and its (Dis)contents (grad seminar, co-taught)

### **At the University of Chicago**

European Civilization (seminar)

Power, Identity, and Resistance (seminar)

## **STUDENT SUPERVISION**

### **At McGill University**

PhD theses:

Matthew Dangstorp, title TBA

James Volmensky, "Russian Diasporic Identity in North America, 1917-1991"  
(committee member)

MA theses:

Leo Levine, "Trends in Soviet and Post-Soviet History Textbooks on the Great Patriotic War" (first reader)



Undergraduate independent studies:

Yaroslav Gouzenko, “Civilization at the Edge of the Empire: The Politics of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Orenburg Region in the Eighteenth Century” (2019)

Aleks Bracken, “The Word of God versus the State: The Perception of Evangelical Christians by the Russian State and the Persecution of Evangelical Believers, 1975-1997” (2019)

Oscar Beghin, “Blood, Sweat, and Steel: The Economic Transformation of Bulgaria’s Accession to the EU” (2018)

### **At the University of Manchester**

MA theses:

Szian Radi, “‘Passive Revolution’ and the Evolution of Reform Economic Thought in Socialist Hungary 1975-1989: A Gramscian Approach” (2017)

## **ADMINISTRATIVE RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **At McGill**

Faculty marshal for convocation (June, October 2019)

Member of the Research Group on Transitions and Global Modernities, Yan P. Lin Centre for the Study of Freedom and Global Orders in the Modern and Ancient World, 2018—

Member of the Faculty of Arts’ Scholarships Committee, McGill University (by nomination for a two-year term, 2018-2020)

Undergraduate Advisor, McGill University, 2017—

### **At the University of Manchester**

Study Abroad Coordinator, University of Manchester (spring 2017)

Research Seminar Coordinator, University of Manchester (fall 2016)

## **SERVICE TO THE FIELD**

ASEEES Mentor (2019-2020)

Canadian Association of Slavists/Taylor & Francis book prize jury member

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH ACTIVITIES**

Cold War program for primary schools, Jodrell Bank Observatory (January 27, 2017)

## **PEER REVIEWING**

Book manuscript reviewer: Indiana University Press

Article peer reviewer: *Slavic Review*, *Historical Research*, *History of Political Economy*, *Russian History*, *Russian Review*, *Accounting History Review*

Fellowship application peer reviewer for the Polish-US Fulbright Commission (2017)

International Council for Central and East European Studies world congress panel reviewer (2019)

### Book workshops

Invited panelist for Lorenz Lüthi's book manuscript workshop, *Cold Wars: Asia, the Middle East, Europe*, McGill University (September 21, 2018)

Invited panelist for Stefan Link's book manuscript workshop, *Detroit, Capital of the 20th Century: Fordism's First Globalization*, Dartmouth College (April 14, 2017)

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

Member, Association for Slavic, East European and Eurasian Studies

Member, Association for Women in Slavic Studies

## **LANGUAGES**

English (native), French (fluent), Russian (fluent), Czech (basic), Polish (basic)

## **REFERENCES**

On request